

## FOSTER CARE GROUP HOME PROVISIONAL RATE AUDITS

In accordance with Senate Bill 933 (Chapter 311, Statutes of 1998), the CDSS is required to perform a provisional rate audit of all new group home providers, new programs by existing providers, or existing providers who receive rate classification level (RCL) increases. The purpose of these audits is to determine whether programs are providing the level of services and maintaining the documentation to support the provisional rate established. In a provisional rate audit, the auditors review two (2) months of records supporting the paid-awake hours reported for child care and supervision, social work, and mental health services. The first six (6) months after the effective date of a provisional rate will not be audited. Generally, the auditors will review the sixth and seventh or seventh and eighth month of the rate. Statute requires that the report resulting from the provisional rate audit be issued by the 13<sup>th</sup> month of the effective date of the rate. If the provider passes the audit, the rate becomes permanent. If the provider fails the audit, the rate will be reduced to the audited rate on the first of the month subsequent to issuance of the audit report. There is no overpayment associated with a provisional rate audit.